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In accordance Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

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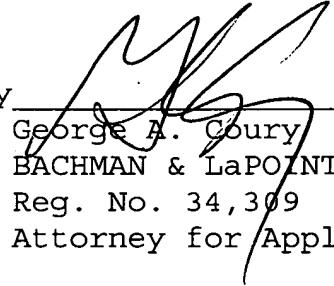
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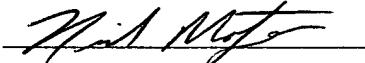
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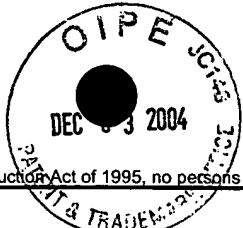
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